NOTWITHSTANDING the daily occurrence of burgiaries and robberles, many people thoughtlessly persist in keeping money about their homes or persons. By so doing a prem-tum is placed on crime, money is frequently lost and life endangered. Why not open a deposit account, let the money remain in vaults designed for such purpose, and pay your bills with interest on the funds while on deposit.

Colonial Trust Co.

Broadway and Locust St.

CITIZENS BATTLE WITH BANK ROBBERS

Engage in Running Fight With Desperadoes Who Blow Vault and Safes.

ESCAPE WITH THEIR BOOTY.

Townspeople Aroused by Explosion of Second Burglary, but Are Compelled to Retreat in Face of Hail of Bullets.

Sedalia, Mo., April 10.-A ferce battle between bank robbers and citizens took place at 2 o'clock this morning at Smithton, eight miles east of here. The fusiliade of bullets and buckshot went wild, however, and so far as can be learned, none of the participants on either side was wounded.

The burglars, supposed to be three in

tion to twenty private deposit boxes be-lenging to the patrons of the bank. They lenging to the patrons of the bank. They emptied the contents of the boxes on the vault floor and carried off a large number of valuables, including about \$150 worth of postage stamps belonging to the Smithton Post Office, a large quantity of valuable jewelry and one or more sacks of silver coins belonging to the bank. Several bundles of blank money orders were stolen also. The Postmaster had these supplies coins belonging to the bank. Several bundles of blank money orders were stolen also. The Postmaster had these supplies on deposit in the bank for safekeeping.

He has considered the Post Office unsafe for some time, and only recently requested permission to use the bank as a depository reash and stamps. It is not known have cash and stamps. It is not known National Plumbing Supply Company.

The burglars next visited John Ringen's hardware store and blew open the safe, but failed to reach the money box. The latter explosion awakened Robert Overstreet, owner of the drug store across the street from Ringen's store. He dressed and notified City Murshal Elicholtz and Mr. Ringen. The three armed themselves and gathered a posse. They surrunded the hardware store and called upon the robbers to surrender.

Trender.

The order was answered by a shot from one of the robbers, who was posted on the putsile as a sentry. The robbers on the inside ran out of a rear door and opened fire on the citizens' posse, and then began to retreat westward along the Missouri Pacific tracks, firing as they went.

The Smithten party did not relish the shower of bullets sent into their ranks and they abandoned the pursuit. The robbers stole a horse and buggy two miles west of Smithten, and drove to this city, where all trace of them was lost.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARAGRAPHS.

Ezekiel Walker, a negro from Kirkwood arged with assault to kill Washington charged with assault to kill Washington Woods, yesterday pleaded guilty to a minor charge in the Clayton Circuit Court and was fined \$100 and sentenced to six months -A marriage license was issued yesterday to E. C. W. Ortmann of No. 6115 Page ave-nue, and Frances G. Wheeler of No. 6235

Page avenue.

The St. Louis Belt and Terminal Railway Company yesterday filed a \$10,990 band with the County Court to insure the completion of its belt line in St. Louis County by April 1, 1904. The Mississippi Valley Trust Company was surety.

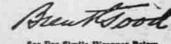
ST. JAMES, Minn.-The jury in the Tanks ST. JABLES, Minn.—The lary in the Lance murder trial, after an all-night session, rendered a verdict of second degree murder. Frank Tanke was charged with the murder of John Wellner, the farmer for whom he worked, and whose wife he afterwards mar-

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

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Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of



See Pac-Simile Wrapper Below.

Very small and as one to take as sugar. CARTER'S FOR HEADACHE. FOR BILIOUSHESS. FOR TORPIO LIVER. FOR CONSTIPATION. FOR SALLOW SKIN. FOR THE COMPLEXION

CURE SICK HEADACHE.

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR SOLDIERS' MEALS

Installed at the World's

TO SERVE 4,000 MEN AN HOUR. PROMOTIONS COST MONEY.

Eighty-Gallon Boilers Needed for Soup and Coffee-Range Is Forty-Five Feet Long.

The arrangements for supplying food to the 15,000 regulars and National Guardsmen who will come to St. Louis during the dedication period are completed. A contract has been signed by Director of Works Isaac H. Taylor which calls for the temporary installation of a full cooking plant in the court of the Education building, where the regulars will be housed.

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A large shed will be built to be used as a kitchen. Lieutenant Colonel Abiel L. Smith, who is in charge of the Army Subsistence Department in St. Louis, will have charge of the operation of the plant.

The plant is to be ready at 19 a. m., April 23, and is to be removed within five days after the expiration of the rental period and the court restored to its former condition. At the dedication at the Chicago Columbian Exposition the troops were required to cat cold food. This will not be the case in St. Louis.

About twenty cooks will be needed to prepare the food, which, it is expected, can be supplied in quantity sufficient for 4000 men an hour. The Exposition Company will pay a flat rate each day for eight days for the use of the apparatus. The range company will take back the material at the end of this time.

The following are a few of the utensils contracted for, and which are needed to cook on such an extensive scale:

Ten sections of cooking range, each 415 feet long, making one range, 45 feet in length.

Six eighty-gallon boilers for soup, six eighty-gallon coffee boilers for soup.

length.

Six eighty-gallon bollers for soup, six eighty-gallon coffee bollers, six meat roasters, ten steam vegetable cookers, four serving tables, 19 feet wide and 32 feet long; 200 three-gallon coffee-serving cans, 200 three-gallon soup-serving cans, eighty over-

pans.
Two patent dishwashers, with steam and water connections, and wire baskets for dishes, equipped with table 10x2 feet, to receive clean dishes.
The preparation of box lunches, which will be sold on the grounds to visitors, is in the hands of concessionaires. Several hundred thousand of these will be on sale, as it is expected that the demand for them will be exceedingly heavy.

DEALERS IN PLUMBING TOOLS WILL DISSOLVE THEIR TRUST.

Litigation Abandoned by Association After Unfavorable Decision From the Higher Courts.

Circuit Judge Wood yesterday made an order dissolving the Master Plumbers' Association of St. Louis on the ground that it is a monopoly, prohibited by the laws of Missouri.

The burgiars, supposed to be three in number, first blew open the vault of the Smithton Bank with nitrogiyeerin, and then made an ineffectual effort to blow open the safe.

When this falled they turned their attention to twenty private deposit boxes between the matrons of the hank. They there was no agreement to the rations of the hank. They The ruling was made in compliance with

THE WEATHER.

Official Forecast Announced for to-Day and To-Morrow. Washington, April 10.-Forecast:

Missouri-Showers Saturday, with colder in west oction. Sunday, fair: colder. Hillnots-Rain Saturday, warmer in central and orth portion; high south winds. Sunday, fair, older. Colder College, the south whole Sunday, tair, colder Saturday and Sunday.

Nebtaska—Rhin and much colder Saturday. Sunday, fair, ilewa—Rain Saturday; colder in extreme west portion. Sunday, fair, colder.

Eastern Texas—Showers in cast and south; fair in northwest portion Saturday; fresh to brisk south winds. Sunday, fair, colder in interior. rios.

Western Texas-Fair and much cooler Saturday
and Sunday.

Kansas-Fair and much colder Saturday. Sunday, fair, colder in southeast portion.

Local Report.	
St. Louis, April 10, 1902.	
Thermometer, degrees 6.30 a.m. 6.19 n.m. Relative humidity 59 54 Obrection of wind 3 9 Velocity of wind 12 10 Rain, Inches 5 20 Weather at 6.59 a.m., cloudy: at 6.59 p.m.	
ourt cloudy. Maximum temperature, 65; minimum temperature, 60. Hiver stage, 21.6 feet. R. J. HYATT. Local Forecast Official.	
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WERE POST-OFFICE PLACES FOR SALE?

Large Temporary Kitchen Will Be | Inspectors | Investigating Charge That Mercenary Ring Controlled New York.

Asserted That Men Who Purchased Positions Were Regularly Assessed by a Collector-Postmaster Declared to Be Innocent in the Matter.

Washington, April 10.-Post-Office Inspe tors are busily investigating charges that a ring has existed in the department for the rale of promotions and transfers in the department generally, but especially in the New York Post Office.

The charges are written and signed by a name which may or may not be fictitious Since the first letter with the charges was received there have been several others substantiating it, but whether these letters are from independent sources is not known. According to the charges, the ring in the New York Post Office was thoroughly organized and did businers on the same basis as that of the New York police ring, which sold all premotions for a stated sum, and then regularly collected a percentage of the increased pay through a collector who was well known and was paid for his trouble by commissions on the amounts he received. The balance in New York, it is said, was turned over to the men at the head of the scheme, who had sufficient influence to make the promotions.

Postmaster Van Cott of the New York office is declared to be innocent of any knowledge of the manner in which his office was being used to further the designs of grafters, but it is charged that high officials in Washington and New York must have been involved in order to make the scheme effective.

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A division superintendent of the New York Post Office is specifically mentioned as the active head of the ring and the man who was able to advance the men who were willing to pay the price.

Inspectors have been examining nearly 1,000 promotions which were made in the New York office March 20 under the annual readjustment ordered by the division of saharies and allowances of the Post-Office Department, and it is said they have come to the conclusion that many of them were not made for merit, but because the recipients were able to influence certain other people.

Other post offices besides that of New York are said to be the stamping ground of the same ring with Washington headquarters, which has been so active in New York.

Snap judgment is not to be taken by the department upon any of the questions under investigation. Each will receive a most therough treatment, and not until then will the decisions be known. When Postmaster General Payne returns from his outing, the results, as far as reached, will be laid before him.

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It is the intention then to notify those against whom charges have been preferred to appear and make answer. They will not be limited as to time, though it is the desire of the department to push the matter to as speedy a conclusion as possible.

It is said at the department that there is to be no formal announcement of the outcome. Those against whom any charges are finally sustained will be given an opportunity voluntarily to retire. They will be dropped one by one and their positions filled in some quiet, but effective manner.

DATE SET FOR RECEIVING BLACKSTONE SEWER BIDS.

Proposals Will Be Accepted by the Board of Public Improvements on April 28.

The Board of Public Improvements will receive bids on April 18 for the construction of the Blackstone or Cabanne district sewr and the Tyler tract sewer.

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The contract for the Blackstone sewer will be one of the largest for this class of work the city has ever awarded. It is estimated that the total cost will be about \$55,000. Of this amount the city will pay \$50,000, while the property owners will make up the halance. \$25,000. The city's apportionment has already been appropriated. The sewer, as planned by Sewer Commissioner Hermann, will commence at a point near Hamilton avenue and run in a southeasterly direction, via De Baliviere. De Giverville and Belt avenues, to the River des Peres.

des Peres.

Work on the sewer will be commenced as soon as possible after the letting of the contract.

TWO MEMBERS TIE UP JURY. Jurors in Rosenberg Case Disagree

After Thirty Hours' Consultation. After Thirty Hours Consultation.

After deliberating for thirty hours the jury in the case of the State against Albert Rosenberg was discharged by Judge McElhinney in the Chayton Circuit Court yesterday for failure to agree. The jury stood ten to two for conviction from the start. Twenty ballots were taken without any change in the result.

Judge McElhinney ordered the jury brought in yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and asked the members if there was any possibility of an agreement. Foreman John Frehn replied that he thought not. Others expressed a like opinion and they were then discharged.

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Rosenberg shot and seriously wounded Emil Berns, a hotelkeeper in Wellston, in a dispute over a board bill, July 20, 1992. He was kept in jail until about three months ago, when he was released on bond. His liberty was short, as his bondernen surrendered him about three weeks afterwards.

WOMAN INJURED BY CAR.

Mrs. Hayes Struck While Walking Between Tracks. Mrs. R. E. Hayes of No. 5182 Pairmount avenue was severely injured by a Sukurban car Thursday night. She sustained a scalp wound and bruises on the body, and her physician fears she may have been internal-ble internal-

physician fears she may have been internally injured.

Mrs. Haves was walking west on the Suburban right of way. Two cars approached, one from the east and the other from the west. She was between the tracks and believed she was safe. The westbound car, No. 545 struck her and knocked her to the ground. She barely escaped rolling under the eastbound car. The accident occurred at Clarendon avenue.

TELEGRAPH NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

CHICAGO-A receiver was to-day appointed to take charge of the affairs of the Missispip Valley Stove Company, whose factory is at Fulton, III. The company, It is said, consented to the entry of judgment for \$52,000.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—A jury in the Circuit Court returned a verdict for \$200 in favor of Doctor George W. King in his suit against the General Accident Assurance Company, Limited, of Perth. Scotland. The trial was sensational as the defense endeavored to prove that Doctor King was implicated in large insurance swindling operations.

HOOSICK FALLS. N. Y.—A 19-per cent increase in wages has been granted to the 300 or more fron molders and laborers of the Walter A. Wood Mower and Reaper Com-pany. The advance was unsolicited.

ELIZABETH. N. J.-Owing to the spreading of the ralks a drill engine on the Central Railroad of New Jersey left the track and piunged down a twenty-foot embankment into a pond. The engineer and fireman and a brakeman were buried under the engine. The brakeman was taken out alive, but died soon after he had been taken to a

The citizens of the Twenty-seventh Ward will hold a jubilation meeting at the Bellevue. Kling's highway and Easton avenue, this evening. All who contributed to the success of Walter W. Birge to the House of Delegates will be present. Plans for ward improvements will be discussed and refreshments will be served.

but died soon after he had been taken to a hospital.

PHILADELPHIA—Israel Isdaner, owner of the Monroe street tenement in which three lives were lost by fire on Wednesday, was committed by the Coroner to await the action of the Grund Jury on the charge of criminal neglect.

S10,000 TO BE GIVEN AWAY ONE SINGLE REWARD OF \$5,000

THE subscribers of THE REPUBLIC are invited to participate in a profit-sharing contest to continue from this date until 4 p. m. on April 29, 1903. It will be a contest of skill, a test of good judgment, a competition of intelligence. They are invited to estimate the number of admissions to the World's Fair grounds on the occasion of the grand dedicatory ceremonies, April 30, 1903, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The Exposition Company will make a record of the admissions on Dedication Day, and the subscriber whose estimate comes nearest to the official record will receive a grand premium of \$5,000 as a reward for the demonstration of skill and acumen. A further sum of \$5,000 will be divided among those whose estimates most nearly approximate the official record of admissions according to the following schedule:

A CONTEST OF GOOD JUDGMENT AND SKILL

THE REWARDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

To the one making the nearest correct estimate of the number of admissions to the grounds of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on April 30, 1903....\$5,000.00

To the Second nearest	.\$2,500.00
To the Third nearest	. 1,000.00
To the Fourth nearest	. 500.00
To the Fifth nearest	. 250.00
To the Sixth nearest	. 200.00
To the Seventh nearest	. 150.00
To the Eighth nearest	. 125.00
To the Ninth nearest	
To the Tenth nearest	. 75.00
To the Eleventh nearest	. 50.00
To the Twelfth nearest	. 25.00
To the Thirteenth nearest	. 15.00
To the Fourteenth nearest	. 10.00

In all, fourteen premiums, amounting to \$10,000.00

THE CONDITIONS

CASH remittance in payment for an annual subscription to the DAILY and SUNDAY REPUBLIC, or six annual subscriptions to the Twice-A-Week Republic is the primary qualification required of every contestant. Both the remittance and the estimates must be received on or before 4 p. m. of April 29, 1903. Old subscribers and new subscribers will stand on an equal plane. Any old subscriber who now has a subscription contract can enter the contest by making a cash payment for twelve months. Payment of back dues for which a subscriber is delinquent will count equally with advance payments for future months. All estimates submitted are subject to the following additional conditions:

FIRST. Every cash payment for the Daily and Sunday one year, or for six copies of the Twice-a-Week one year, will entitle the person paying to make six estimates.

SECOND. New subscribers must pay for twelve months at The Republic's regular subscription rates, as follows:

Daily and Sunday one year in St. Louis Carrier District......\$6.00 Daily and Sunday one year outside St. Louis Carrier District \$7.80

Contract subscribers must pay for twelve months at their contract rate. In the case of contracts running less than twelve months, they must pay for enough additional months to make a full year, paying for these additional months at 50c a month for St. Louis delivery and 65c a month for delivery outside of St. Louis.

THIRD. Contract subscribers who pay at the contract rate for all months now unpaid under their contract, and at the same time pay for an additional year at the rates specified in the second condition, may make one estimate for each month's payment under their contract and six more for the additional year's subscription.

FOURTH. In case of a tie, that is of the estimates made by two or more persons being exactly alike, the amount of the reward will be divided equally among them. FIFTH. No estimate will be allowed for a fractional part of a

year except to present contract subscribers in connection with a new annual subscription. SIXTH. All fractions annexed to an estimate will be disregarded and the estimate will be taken to mean the number submitted

with the fraction omitted.

SEVENTH. Remittances can be forwarded by mail, either by subscribers in St. Louis or by those outside of St. Louis, but such remittances should be by bank check or postal money order payable to The Republic's Profit Sharing Bureau.

EIGHTH. All estimates must be in The Republic office on or before 4 p. m. of April 29, 1903, whether sent by mail or otherwise, and all not in by 4 p. m. of April 29, 1903, will be rejected as informal and be returned to the senders. NINTH. Agents, solicitors and employes have no authority to

make any representations or promises with reference to the terms of this contest. These conditions constitute the entire contract, and are subject to no modifications whatsoever, and every subscriber competing in this contest assents thereby to these conditions.

TENTH. Address all communications to The Republic Profit-Sharing Bureau, Call Box 201, St. Louis, Mo.

ELEVENTH. Changes will not be allowed after estimates are once received and registered. TWELFTH. Acknowledgments of all remittances received for estimates will be made as promptly as possible. Blanks for

making estimates will be furnished on request. THIRTEENTH. The awards will be made by an impartial Committee of Awards as soon as possible after the number of admis-

sions is announced, and their judgment will be final and conclusive in the matter. FOURTEENTH. The result will be published in both the Daily

and Weekly Republic the day after the awards are announced by the committee.

FIFTEENTH. Not more than one reward will be paid to any one person. One person may make six or more estimates, but no one person will receive more than one reward.

For the information of those wishing to make estimates it may be stated that the histories of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago disagree as to the number of admissions on the occasion of the dedication ceremonies on October 21, 1892. All admissions were on complimentary invitations, and no count was kept at the gates. Some accounts estimate the attendance at 145,060, but others put it at more than a third larger. Rossiter Johnson, who wrote a history of the Chicago Exposition, under the authority of the Board of Directors, says there were more than 200,000 admissions. There was no night admission at Chicago, but there will be a fireworks show in St. Louis, and both the day admissions and the night admissions will be included in the record of April 30. The admission charge up to 5 p. m, will be 25 cents, and after that hour it will be 50 cents.

ADDRESS ALL ESTIMATES AND COMMUNICATIONS TO

The Republic Profit-Sharing Bureau, Call Box 201, St. Louis, Mo.

BLANK FOR ESTIMATES OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

ENCLOSED find Dollars in payment for 18 months' subscription to the Daily and Sunday Republic; also my six estimates on the recorded admissions to the grounds of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on the occasion of the dedication of the buildings on April 30, 1903. I make these estimates subject to the conditions

stated in the published announcements.

BLANK FOR ESTIMATES OF CONTRACT SUBSCRIBERS. This blank should be used by every subscriber who now has a subscription contract with The Republic. Every installment paid on an existing contract can be counted in making up a year's payment, if the full monthly amount required by the contract is paid.

L'NCLOSED find dollars. Under my new subscription and my existing contract I am entitled to estimates on the recorded admistions to the grounds of the Louisiana Purchase Exposilton on the occasion of the Dedication of the buildings on April 30, 1903. The amount remitted is to pay for months' subscription at per month under my old contract and months in extension at 50c per month. I make these estimates subject to the conditions stated in the printed announcements.